

# SHREWSBURY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Parents and Guardians of Incoming Students,

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to the Shrewsbury Public Schools. I am sure this will prove to be an exciting year for your student!

This is an important time to inform and/or remind you of the necessary school immunization requirements (please see enclosed). In accordance with the laws of the state of Massachusetts, no student will be admitted to school without proof of full immunization. Your child's healthcare provider can inform you what your student specifically needs for school attendance, will help you arrange an office visit, and will bring your child's health record up to date before school begins. State laws require us to exclude children from school without proper documentation of full immunization, even on the first day of school. If your child is medically unable to receive the immunizations, documentation from your child's physician is required. If you have already supplied the necessary health records, please disregard this letter.

Each child entering Shrewsbury Public Schools must also have a record of current physical examination. This should be dated within one year prior to the entrance to school or within 30 days after school entry and at intervals of three or four years thereafter. We recommend each time your child has a physical, that you submit a copy to your school nurse ensuring that the school health record remains current.

It is your responsibility to make sure that the necessary documentation is on file in your child's health record **prior** to the first day of school. Your child may have already had the needed vaccinations. If so, please submit the documentation as soon as possible. If not, please schedule an appointment with your child's health care provider today to receive the immunizations. Always remember to keep a copy for your own records. You may bring the paperwork your child's school or during school closings, bring the records to Diane Abbott, Registrar at the School Department in Town Hall 100 Maple Avenue. Unfortunately, we are unable to accept faxed or scanned copies from parents, but will accept them from your child's physician. Baby books will only be accepted if they are signed or stamped by a physician.

Thank you so much for your attention in this very important matter.

Respectfully,  
Shrewsbury Public School Nurses

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*The Shrewsbury Public Schools, in partnership with the community, will provide students with the skills and knowledge for the 21<sup>st</sup> century, and appreciation of our democratic tradition, and the desire to continue to learn throughout life.*